



BELIEVE STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 4 (4/8): THE BIBLE

Personal Study

This study guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements. The study guide will closely follow Randy Frazee's book, "Believe: Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus." You can purchase a copy of the book online at www.amazon.com or get a copy from Mardel's bookstore. There are also "Believe" reading schedule for each chapter on the "Believe" bulletin board in the foyer. This study guide is designed to help you consider what you are learning.

KEY IDEA I believe the Bible is the Word of God and has the right to command my belief and action.

KEY VERSE All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. — 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Last week you examined your beliefs about salvation. Did you learn anything new about yourself? About God? Perhaps you've been a Christian for a long time and you're discovering new things about what you believe. Maybe you're new to the faith or simply exploring what it means to be a Christian. This week, read *Believe, Chapter 4: The Bible*. Then spend some time praying, asking God to help you recognize the tremendous value of his Word.

Read

Read *Believe, Chapter 4: The Bible* and answer the following questions.

1. Describe the common patterns found in these Scriptures.
2. As you read this chapter, what opinions, ideas, or worries came to mind?
3. What did you read that was new to you? Inspired you? Intrigued you? Left you feeling confused?
4. Challenge yourself to list as many motivations for reading the Bible as you can. Which incentives are most compelling to you?

5. Give examples of ways knowing the Word of God can inform our daily decisions.

6. How has the Bible clarified misconceptions that you had about God, yourself, and the world we live in?

Evaluate

Based on your reading from Believe, Chapter 4: The Bible, evaluate your level of confidence in the statements below, using a 1–6 scale (1 = no confidence, 6 = complete certainty).

- _____ I believe the Bible is absolutely true in matters of faith and morals.
- _____ I believe the words of the Bible are words from God.
- _____ I believe the Bible has decisive authority over what I say and do.
- _____ I believe the Bible is relevant to address the needs of contemporary culture.

Take Action

Memorizing Scripture is a valuable discipline for all believers to exercise. Spend a few minutes each day committing this week’s Key Verse to memory.

Recite this week’s Key Idea out loud. As you do, ask yourself, does my life reflect this statement?

Answer the following questions to help you apply this week’s Key Idea to your own life.

1. How would this belief-in-action express itself in your life?
2. What visible attributes can be found in someone who knows and is directed by the Word of God?
3. If you have reservations about the reliability and/or authority of Scripture, what is your plan for finding answers to your questions?
4. What is a reading plan or resource you can implement to deepen your understanding of God’s Word?
5. What are some ways you can filter your thoughts and actions through the truth of God’s Word?

Journal

To help you keep all your Believe thoughts and materials in one place, note any verses or insights God gives you as you spend time with Him this week. This is also a great place to attach your sermon notes from Robert’s sermon.
